

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY
SERGEANT HOWARD R. BELDEN
FOR HIS BRAVE SACRIFICE AT
THE BATTLE OF CHOSIN RES-
ERVOIR DURING THE KOREAN
WAR

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of United States Army Sergeant Howard R. Belden. At the age of nineteen, Sergeant Belden gave his life in service to this nation at the Battle of Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War. After nearly seventy-one years, Sergeant Belden's remains were accounted for on October 14, 2021.

Sergeant Belden was born in 1931 to James and Esther Belden. Shortly after the conclusion of World War II, Sergeant Belden enlisted in the Army at the age of seventeen. Two years later, he deployed to Korea as a member of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division. On December 1, 1950, his unit was attacked by enemy forces in North Korean territory near the Chosin Reservoir. This attack occurred in the midst of a battle that would become the bloodiest seventeen days of the entire conflict. During this stretch, a massive enemy offensive comprising of over one hundred thousand Chinese communist troops forced the withdrawal of the much smaller United Nations coalition. This assault claimed the lives of at least one thousand American soldiers, including Sergeant Belden.

In the aftermath of the fighting, the Army listed Sergeant Belden as "unaccounted for" and informed his family that he was missing in action and presumed dead. Decades later, in August 2018, North Korea agreed to release the remains of fifty-five fallen American service members back to the United States. Sergeant Belden's remains were among those returned and were finally identified on October 14, 2021. To his family's relief, the Army reclassified his status to "accounted for" on that day.

In April 2022, Sergeant Belden will reach his final resting place in the Arlington National Cemetery, where he will be buried with full military honors. On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I thank Sergeant Belden for his service and his sacrifice, and I am proud to honor his legacy of defending American liberty, freedom, and democracy.

RECOGNIZING COMMANDER
GEORGE O. FULENWIDER, III,
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a heartfelt tribute to Commander George O. Fulenwider, III of the United States Coast Guard, to honor his long and illustrious career. Commander Fulenwider began serving in the Coast Guard in January of 1984, when he enlisted as an E1. Upon graduating from basic training in Cape May, New Jersey, Commander

Fulenwider was stationed on the Coast Guard Cutter *UTE* based out of Key West, Florida and has been serving our great nation with dedication and honor ever since. His retirement after many years of service to the United States Coast Guard is extraordinary and is a testament to his love for our country.

During his very successful career, Commander Fulenwider spent 15 years on 8 different cutters with positions including Engineering Petty Officer (EPO), Main Propulsion Assistant (MPA) and Engineering Officer (EO). During his service, Commander Fulenwider supported various Coast Guard missions including: Port and Waterway Security, Drug Interdiction, Aids to Navigation, Search and Rescue, Living Marine Resources, Marine Safety, Defense Readiness, Migrant Interdiction, Marine Environmental Protection, Ice Operations and Law Enforcement.

Throughout his career, Commander Fulenwider was either directly involved in or supported nearly every mission and operation the Coast Guard was involved in during his tenure. This includes Operation Just Cause in Panama (December 1989 to January 1990), Operation Desert Shield (August 1990 to January 1991), the Gulf War (August 1990 to February 1991), Operation Enduring Freedom/Global War on Terrorism resulting from the September 11th attacks on America's World Trade Centers (October 2001 to December 2014). In addition, Commander Fulenwider responded to the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake in Haiti that killed 250,000 people and displaced thousands of survivors.

During his dedicated time of service, Commander Fulenwider quickly rose through the ranks of Seaman Recruit-Fireman (E1-E3), Machinery Technician Third Class (MK3, E4), MK2 (E5), MK1 (E6), MKC (E7), Chief Warrant Officer 2 (CWO2), Chief Warrant Officer 3 (CWO3), Lieutenant (LT, O3E), Lieutenant Commander (LCDR, O4), and finally Commander (O5). Furthermore, the U.S. Coast Guard afforded him the opportunity to obtain his Associate of Science in Naval Engineering from Trident Technical College located in North Charleston, South Carolina.

Commander Fulenwider has received countless awards and achievements during his illustrious career. These include the Meritorious Service Medal, numerous Coast Guard Commendation Medals, numerous Coast Guard Achievement medals and Commandants Letter of Commendation, The Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Coast Guard and Navy Unit Commendation amongst many more.

Currently, Commander Fulenwider is a Program Support Manager & Executive Officer at Project Resident Office Gulf Coast, assisting with the acquisition and construction of the Legend-Class National Security Cutters (NSC) at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi. The NSCs are the most technologically advanced ship in the Coast Guard's fleet, with capabilities for maritime homeland security, law enforcement and national security missions. The NSCs are the largest cutters in the Coast Guard fleet at 418 feet long and have a maximum speed of 28 knots with a range of 12,000 nautical miles; these cutters are equipped to carry a crew of 148 and can be out at sea for 3-6 months, projecting a U.S. presence around the globe, from the straits of Taiwan to the Black Sea.

Commander George O. Fulenwider, III will retire in Hubert, North Carolina with his high

school sweetheart and wife of 37 years, Nancy Fulenwider, who has supported his selfless career from the very beginning. The sacrifices they both have made to make this distinguishing career possible is simply admirable.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the retirement of this incredible and noble patriot and wishing Commander George O. Fulenwider, III, a happy retirement from his life of outstanding service to our country.

AIDE SABINAS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Aide Sabinas for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Aide Sabinas is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Aide Sabinas is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Aide Sabinas for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING MICHAEL HARDAT AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Michael Hardat, a financial coach and youth advocate at the Financial Empowerment Center's Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families, as Iowan of the Week.

Michael is a Lifelong resident of the Des Moines metro area and a recent Iowa State University graduate. From a young age, Michael recognized that he and his family lacked the financial resources that others had. As a result, Michael began going to the Children and Family Urban Movement's programs. These programs made all the difference for Michael and helped him embrace the spirit of community support and betterment. Knowing he wanted to give back to the community, Michael began working with the Financial Empowerment Center. In his role, he has a direct hand in helping families make informed financial decisions and plan for a brighter future. During the pandemic when many families faced even greater struggles, he spoke out about how Iowans receiving the Child Tax Credit could most effectively use those funds to create positive outcomes.

Michael has been with the Financial Empowerment Center at Evelyn K. Davis since 2018. The organization helps connect people to career goals as well as achieve financial stability through job development, career coaching, workforce training, and financial education. Many of these free services have made all the difference for our neighbors in Des Moines. Michael is also still active with the Children and Family Urban Movement (CFUM) as an adult advocate. The non-profit strives to support the potential of Des Moines youth and families through educational success, healthy living, and community engagement. Michael firmly believes in CFUM's ability to lift up the community. He began publicly advocating for the program when he was still in high school and remains passionate about how individuals can come together to help one another, regardless of where they come from.

As we celebrate Black History Month, it is my honor to recognize Michael Hardat for the amazing work he is doing for families in greater Des Moines. Michael's selfless approach and dedication to helping others succeed are some of the many reasons he is a shining example of what it means to be an Iowan and a good neighbor. I will continue to fight in Congress to ensure every American has access to quality financial education and quality community programs. It is my pleasure to name Mr. Hardat Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF KEITH MOSS
FOR HIS SERVICE TO DURYEA,
PENNSYLVANIA AS MAYOR

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, today I honor Duryea Mayor Keith Moss who retired from mayoral work in January after 20 years in office.

Keith, the son of the late George and Arlene Moss, was born and raised in Duryea, Pennsylvania along with his nine siblings. His interest in public service began as a young Boy Scout, and, at the age of 20, he joined the Germania Hose Company as a volunteer firefighter. He served the organization as president, vice president, and trustee.

Keith decided to run for Duryea council after his uncle, a councilman himself, suggested he would be a good fit for the job. In 1992, Keith ran for and was elected to Duryea Borough Council. During his time on the council, he worked closely with the Borough's police force, fostering a friendship with the late police chief Leonard Ash. It was Ash who first proposed the idea of running for mayor to Keith.

In 2001, a hallmark year for both Keith personally—he married his wife, Patricia—and for the Borough—it celebrated its centennial—he won the mayoral election. He confidently took on the office's duties of overseeing the police department, crafting the Borough budget, breaking vote ties at council meetings, and managing the Borough's public relations. In September 2011, when rain from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee flooded areas of Duryea, Keith helped his community work through the storm and its aftermath.

During his tenure as mayor, Keith worked to strengthen the sense of community in Duryea,

organizing the Borough's involvement in National Night Out to foster community-police camaraderie and the Borough's Halloween party. He worked diligently to grow the Borough's police force to four full-time officers. He also found great joy and fulfillment in performing weddings, marrying more than 500 couples during his time in office.

Keith took great pride in his mayoral work and sought to share the wisdom he acquired on the job, and also to learn from others. He served as the chair of the Pennsylvania State Mayors Association's Mayor of the Year Committee. He also regularly worked with mayors from Pittston, Hughesstown, West Pittston, and Old Forge.

In addition to his work as mayor, Keith has also been employed by the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport as a maintenance firefighter. He additionally has served his community as the treasurer of the Duryea Lions Club, president of Duryea Borough Sewer Authority, vice president of the Greater Pittston Cultural Coalition, and the president of the Luzerne County National Recreation Trail, and he continues to volunteer with the Germania Hose Company. For his efforts, Keith was recognized by the Sunday Dispatch with the Joseph Saporito Jr Lifetime of Service Award.

I am honored to join with the citizens of Duryea in honoring the two-decade tenure of their beloved mayor. Keith has been a beacon of strength and stability for the Borough and has helped the community navigate a changing world. I wish Keith all the best as he begins this next phase of his life. May he continue to feel inspired to share his time and talents with his community.

RECOGNIZING MR. FERNANDO
ALANIZ

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Fernando Alaniz, a father, husband, teacher, coach, and friend who unexpectedly passed away just a few weeks ago.

An immigrant from Guadalupe, Mexico, Mr. Alaniz came to the Central Valley when he was just 5 years old, settling in Wasco. He graduated from Wasco High School in 1991, where he excelled in both football and basketball, and helped lead his team to a Valley Championship.

After receiving a scholarship to play football at McPherson College, Fernando and his wife, Christine, moved back to the Central Valley of California to begin a family. After spending time working at Delano Joint Union High School, Mr. Alaniz began a job serving his community at the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

After earning his master's degree, Fernando began teaching computer science and keyboarding classes at McFarland High School. He quickly earned the respect of both his colleagues and his students, as they saw firsthand his dedication and passion for teaching.

Not only did Mr. Alaniz demonstrate his dedication to his students in the classroom, but he also showed that same level of commitment to his players. As the McFarland High

varsity basketball coach, Fernando instilled discipline, work ethic, and integrity into his players. He was committed to helping his players succeed and showing them how to win in a humble way. Under his strong leadership, the Cougars made numerous trips to the playoffs.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of a respected, beloved, and invaluable member of our community, Fernando Alaniz.

RODRIGO HERRERA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Rodrigo Herrera for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Rodrigo Herrera is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Rodrigo Herrera is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Rodrigo Herrera for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
DAVE KISHLER UPON HIS RE-
TIREMENT FROM NETSMART

HON. MARKWAYNE MULLIN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Dave Kishler, a Senior Industry Relations Strategist at Netsmart. The company provides health information technology solutions to tens of thousands of public and private nonprofit mental health, human services and senior service organizations throughout the United States serving millions of Americans with mental illnesses, substance use disorders and other disabilities. Dave announced his retirement from Netsmart at the end of 2021 after a rich and extremely productive 30-year career with the company.

Among many other duties, Dave was responsible for Netsmart's relationships with patient advocacy organizations and trade associations representing Community Mental Health Centers, providers of rehabilitation services for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and home care providers serving seniors. But I got to know Dave during our work together on legislative amendments to 42 CFR Part 2—a outdated federal privacy law that inhibited the sharing of clinical information for persons with major substance use disorders.